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For: ELECTROPLATED COWP COMPOSITES  
STRUCTURES AS COPPER BARRIER  
LAYERS

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Examiner: H. K. Vu

**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 26, 2006, please reconsider the rejection based on the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.